MoU for utilisation of Yamuna waters

849. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a MoU for utilization of Yamuna waters was signed on 12th May, 1994 by Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi and whether Rajasthan was allocated 1.119 BCM of Yamuna water to be made available at Okhla Barrage and Tajewala head works;

(b) whether Government intends to intervene and direct Haryana to sign MoU for modernization of canal system from Tajewala head works lying in Haryana territory upto Loharu sub branch and modernization of Gurgaon Feeder in Hayana; and

(c) if so, by when and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for allocation of surface flow of Yamuna was signed on 12th May, 1994 by Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi wherein an annual allocation of 1.119 BCM of utilizable Yamuna waters upto Okhla was agreed for Rajasthan. However, there is no reference in MoU about the point of allocation of water to Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Haryana has not signed the MoU for modernization of canal system in their territory as they have indicated their disagreement to the utilization of water by Rajasthan at Tajewala in the manner proposed by Rajasthan. The issue was discussed in the 3rd meeting of Upper Yamuna Review Committee held on 12.04.2006 under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources and as decided in the meeting, an 'Empowered Committee' of Secretaries of Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh has been constituted on 22.05.2006 to have a fresh look at the issue of providing water to Rajasthan from Tajewala.

Recommendations of JGE on Flood Management

850. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1537 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 2005 and state:

(a) what were the recommendations of Joint Group of Experts (JGE);

(b) what are the findings of Joint Technical Team (JTT); and

(c) what action have so far been taken on the recommendations and findings?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) During the first meeting, the Joint Group of Experts felt that a more detailed technical examination is required and it was recommended to form Joint Technical Team consisting of four members each from India and Bhutan and with provision that any expert or special invitee could be co-opted as and when required. The Joint Technical Team made visits to some of the identified areas and submitted its report on various aspects. The Joint Technical Team studies some sources of sediment load, nature of slides and suggested further studies and preparation of maps to be taken up for deciding remedial measures to be recommended by the JTT. The report findings of the Joint Technical Team are for consideration of the JGE.

River inter linking project

851. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment about shortage of irrigation and drinking water across various regions/parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to tackle this problem; and

(d) what is the current status of the river-inter linking project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The national Water Development Agency (NWDA), a Society under the Ministry of Water Resources, as a part of its studies of National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development prepared by Government in 1980 has carried out water balanced studies of river basins/sub-basins of the country keeping in view the scenario of ultimate stage of water resources development in these basins and it has identified 11 river basins/sub-basins as water deficit river basins. NWDA after the above studies has identified 30 links under NPP (16 in